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The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

Japanese Patent 5-239289 was cited in the International Search Report and cited in the PTO-1449 filed on January 23, 2002. Applicants have informed their Representative that they have noticed that US 6,521,713 B2 is the U.S. counterpart of JP 5-239289 only within the last three months. The Examiner has already considered JP 5-239289.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	Kind	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 6,521,713	B2	2003-02-18	Wolff et al.			
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